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- U.S. Patent 5,891,788 to Fazan et al., "Locus Isolation Technique using High Pressure Oxidation (HIPOX) and Protective Spacers", teaches a process to form local oxidation of silicon (LOCOS) isolations using polysilicon spacers around a masking material.
- U.S. Patent 5,661,049 to Lur et al., "Stress Relaxation in Dielectric before Metallization", teaches a process to form sidewalls for transistors.
- U.S. Patent 5,013,675 to Shen et al., "Method of Forming and Removing Polysilicon Lightly Doped Drain Spacers", discloses a process to form polysilicon sidewall spacers and to remove them using an etchant.
- U.S. Patent 5,899,722 to Huang, "Method of Forming Dual Spacer for Self Aligned Contact Integration", teaches a process to form sidewall spacers of silicon nitride by anisotropically etching a silicon nitride layer.
- U.S. Patent 5,498,555 to Lin, "Method of Making LDD with Polysilicon and Dielectric Spacers", discloses processes to form sidewall spacers of: oxide-polysilicon, oxide-polysiliconoxide, oxide-nitride, and oxide-nitride-oxide.

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